

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ed Harbison; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ed Harbison has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and innovation in his
3 service to his community and the citizens of Georgia through his work with the Office of
4 Child Support Services; and

5 WHEREAS, a ten-year veteran with the office, Mr. Harbison is responsible for organizing
6 and hosting Fathers and Families Community Resource Fairs throughout the state and works
7 closely with federal agencies and local community business leaders to ensure successful
8 outcomes for each event; and

9 WHEREAS, the fairs assist noncustodial parents and other members of the community in
10 finding gainful employment by aiding with resume drafting and providing a forum for those
11 seeking employment to meet with local, state, and nationally known employers; and

12 WHEREAS, working tirelessly for the Office of Child Support Services, Mr. Harbison has
13 established strong partnerships with the Department of Labor, the DeKalb County
14 Fatherhood Initiative Network, 2000 Opportunities Inc., The Edge Connection, Columbus
15 Technical College, Savannah EOA, and Rediscovery Outpatient Clinic to secure positive
16 experiences for all participants of the job fairs; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2008, job fairs were held in Decatur, Rome, Macon, Augusta, Carrollton,
18 Savannah, Gainesville, Milledgeville, and Atlanta, and scheduled locations for fairs in the
19 early part of 2009 include Albany, Lawrenceville, Columbus, Tifton, and Valdosta; and

20 WHEREAS, through diligence and assiduity, Mr. Harbison has forged partnerships with the
21 Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to create a statewide
22 re-entry initiative to ensure fathers in custody will have the appropriate resources available
23 to them when released so that they can find employment and pay child support; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Harbison has also devoted his time, talent, and energy by speaking to over
25 1,200 residents at state transitional centers about the importance of being a father, how to
26 establish legal paternity, and about the community resources available to them to assist them
27 in successfully re-entering society upon their release; and

28 WHEREAS, for his outstanding contributions to this state, Mr. Harbison was recognized
29 with the Governor's Customer Service Team of the Year Award; and

30 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
31 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
32 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and it is
33 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable
34 Georgian be recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend Mr. Ed Harbison for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
37 to the State of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ed Harbison.